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The CD case shown in Fig. 1 has two cover sides 1.1 and 1.2 which enclose a hollow space 19, wherein one cover side 1.1 receives a device 2 for the speedy reception of a CD 3. The cover sides 1.1, 1.2 and the device 2 for speedily receiving the CD 3 consist of a suitable plastic. The cover sides 1.1, 1.2 are mostly quadratic. Between the device 2 for speedily receiving the CD 3 and the cover side 1.1 exists an intermediate space 4. The cover sides 1.1, 1.2 are connected with each other by a joint that enables the opening and closing of the CD case.

In the intermediate space 4 is situated a circuit board 6 on which is arranged an acoustic signal generator 7, a battery 8 in the form of a button cell and an electronic control device 9 for triggering the signal generator 7. The rear side of the circuit board 6 is provided with a printed circuit through which the components arranged thereon are connected with each other. In order to switch on the signal generator 7 there is arranged on the cover side 1.1 a mechanical switch 10, which is open in its normal position, which through conductors 11 is connected to the circuit board 6. The switch 10 is operated by a push button 12 which is supported by a pressure spring 13. By pressing on the push button 12 the signal generator 7 is switched on and a sound is emitted from the CD case. Instead of a push button 12 for operating the switch 10 it is possible to provide the cover side 1.1 with a deformable wall section.

In the example embodiment shown in Fig. 2 connected to the circuit board 6, arranged in the intermediate space 4, are three light-emitting diodes 14 which, supplied by a battery 8, can be switched on by means of an electronic control 15

alternatively or at the same time. The control device 15 is activated by two contact elements 16, arranged on the cover side 1.1, when during holding of the CD case the contact elements 16 are contacted collectively by the hand or a finger. The contact elements 16 are connected through conductors 11 to the control device 15. Through suitable lighting and colour etc. it is hereby possible to achieve an additional amplification of the optical effect.

The embodiment example shown in Fig. 3, as the embodiment according to Fig 1, has an acoustic signal generator 7 controlled by an electronic control device 9. For switching on the signal generator 7, on the cover side 1.1 is arranged a temperature sensor 17 whose measuring signal is processed by an electronic switch 18. When the temperature of the temperature sensor 17 through holding the CD case with the hand reaches a predetermined value, e.g. 30 degrees C, the switch 18 switches on the control device 9 and this switches on the signal generator 7. As this has no external switch means visible on the exterior of the CD case and the time response of the switching on process is dependent on various factors such as temperature of the hand, environment, hand or finger position, the switching on of the signal generator 7 for the user takes place unexpectedly and is not precisely controllable.

The embodiment example shown in Fig. 4, as the embodiment example in Fig. 1, has an acoustic signal generator 7 controlled by an electronic control device 9. The switching on takes place by opening up the cover side 1.2. For this purpose a rocker switch 30 with a switching contact 31 is rotatably mounted on the device 2. On opening the cover

side 1.2 the rocker switch 30 is rotated into a position by a pressure spring 32 in which the switch contact 31 contacts a fixed switch contact 33 and thus completes the circuit. Instead of the switch described it also possible to arrange switch contacts directly on the swivel joint connecting the cover sides 1.1, 1.2, which contacts come in contact with each other in the closure position of the cover side 1.2.

In the CD case shown in Fig. 5 in the intermediate space 4 is arranged an electro-acoustic recorder 20 for recording and reproducing sound signals. The recorder 20 has a circuit board 6 with a printed circuit on which is arranged a battery 8 in the form of a button cell, an electronic control device 9 and a memory module 21 for storing the signals received. Also connected to the circuit board 6 are a loudspeaker 19, a microphone 22 and two switches 23, 24 which are each operated by a push button 25 or 26. The microphone 22 and the switch 23, 24 with their push buttons 25, 26 are attached to the front wall of the CD case, which is adjacent to the joint. The loudspeaker 19 is situated in the intermediate space between the device 2 and the cover side 1.1 in an arrangement coaxial to the CD holder. The floor of the cover side 1.1 may be provided with openings in the region of the loudspeaker 19.

For recording an acoustical information, e.g. speech or music, by pressing the push button 25 the switch 23 is kept closed. If after recording, through operating the push button 26, the switch 24 is closed, the information recorded is reproduced with the aid of the loudspeaker 19. In order to prevent recorded information to be

inadvertently erased , the push button 25 through turning can be moved into a neutral position in which the switch 23 cannot be operated. Instead of the switch 24 and the push button 26 for starting the reproduction it is possible also to use switch means as provided in the embodiment examples according to Figs. 2 to 4.